

In re Appln. of Hardey, et al.
Application No. 09/918,603

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. An Office action dated September 2, 2005 is presently pending in the application. Claims 1-44 and 49-50 have been cancelled, and no claims have been added. Therefore, Claims 45-48 and 51-76 are pending in the application.

The Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants have submitted herewith an additional Information Disclosure Statement including a signed affidavit of public use or sale in accordance with MPEP § 609.

The Objections to the Claims

The claims have been re-numbered in accordance with the Office action. In addition, Claim 60 has been amended to include a period and to delete the redundancy of the word "the."

The § 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 56 and 57 have been amended to address the antecedent basis problem and to further point out that the inverted, three-dimensional corner is the corner to which the claim references. Applicants submit that the § 112 rejection should be withdrawn.

The Claims Indicated as Allowable

Claims 45-48, 51, and 52 were rejected as being dependant upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, Claims 53 and 54 have been amended to be dependent from these claims.

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Claims 55 and 58-76 have been allowed. Claims 56 and 57 depend from Claim 55, and Applicant submits that these claims are now allowable for at least the reason that they are dependant upon an allowable base claim.

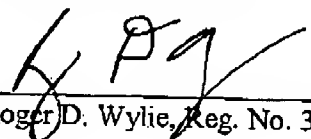
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define patentable subject matter, and that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

If the foregoing does not result in a Notice of Allowance in the application, Applicants earnestly solicit the Examiner to call the undersigned at 206-521-5984.

Respectfully submitted,



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